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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5      An optical receiving apparatus according to the present invention comprises an optical signal branching circuit for receiving a signal light input from an optical transmission line, a discriminator for discriminating an output signal of the optical signal branching circuit , an evaluator for evaluating characteristics of another output signal of the  
10     optical signal branching circuit. The evaluator includes a saturable absorber for determining the discrimination threshold of the discriminator.

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